District Sub-Divisional Bolck / Taluk Head Quarters or Developing Urban Centres. Further, they shall have access to the basic facilities like proximity to Rail-heads, National or State Highways ' adequate and dependable source of power and water supply telecommunication facilites, health and educational facilities etc. The State Government have been advised to send their proposals as early as possible, preferably by the 30th April, 1989.

(c) Each growth centre will be pro vided with funds of order of Rs. p2530 crores to develop infrastructural facilities. Some of them may need" funds of a Jxwer order depending on their nature and location.

(d) The Central investmant subsidy scheme provides capital investment subsidy for establishing a project, whereas the purpose of the "Growth Centres" Scheme is • to provide infrastructural facilities of a high order at the growth centres.

(e) As of now, the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme stands extended upto 30th September, 1988.

Exploration of Hydrocarbons in the country

*68. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PET ROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total licenced area for hydrocarbon exploration in the country at present;

(b) what are the names of the companies which have been-issued licences since April last year for exploration activities;

(c) what is the area covered by each such new licence and the name of the basin in which this area lies; and

(d) what progress has been made in the exploration of hydrocarbon by each foreign company engaged since 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY ,OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL ' GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on April 1, 1988 the Oil and Natural Gas commission (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) hold Petroleum Exploration Licences (PEL) for the areas given below:—

(Area in sq. kms.)

ONGC 3,70,597.24
OIL.....47,660

In addition, ONGC and OIL hold letters of authority for a total off shore area of 1,15,580 sq. kms. Exploration in these areas is carried out by foreign oil companies under production sharing contracts with Government of India and OIL/. ONGC.

(b) and (c) Since April, 1988, PEL's for exploration have been granted as follows:—

Name of the oil company	Basin	Approximate area (in sq. kms.)
ONGC	The information is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.	Nil
OIL	Nil	

Since April 1986, ONGC/OIL have been issued letters of authority for production sharing contracts as follows:

Name of the oil company	Basin	Approximate area (in sq. kms.)
ONGC with Shell India Production Development B. V. (Shell)	Kerala \ KonkanJ	20,400
ONGC with Shell	Kerala Konkanj	28,800
ONGC with Amoco India Petroleum Company	Krishna Godavari J Mahanadi	1,500
OIL with Chevron International Ltd. and Texaco Exploration India Inc.		8,300

(d) The progress made by the foreign oil companies upto January, 1989 is as follows:

Name of Company	Name of Block upto Jan., 1989	Progress made
Chevron-Texaco	KG-OS-I	Seismic data acquired-1255 lKm. work of data processing and interpretation completed.
	KG-OS-VII	Seismic data acquired-2594 1km.
	MN-OS-I	Seismic data acquired 495 1km.
	p-os-n	Seismic data acquired-2108 1km. work of data processing completed.
	MN-OS-I	The seismic survey for -500 lkms was done in June 1988 and at present the processing and interpretation is in progress.
BHP Petroleum (India) Inc.	KK-OS-VI	Seismic data acquired-2358 1km.
Shell	KK-OS-II KK-OS-IV	Seismic data acquisition in progress, data acquired so far-7053 1km.
International Petroleum • (Bermuda) Ltd.	KG-OS-IV	Seismic data acquired 490 1km. Seismic data processing completed.
Amoco	KG-OS-V	Seismic data acquired - 1880 1km.